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1. WE HAVE MADE NUMBER OF INQUIRIES RE MR. MAHIVI'S STANDING IN IRANIAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND RECEIVED CONFLICTING STATEMENTS AS TO HIS DESIRABILITY AS A BUSINESS PARTNER. IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT ANY ASSOCIATION WITH MAHVI IN DEFENSE CONTRACTS WILL WORK AGAINST AN AMERICAN FIRM. WE HAVE ALSO HEARD THAT HE IS AN UNDESIRABLE PARTNER IN CIVILIAN ENTERPRISES. HOWEVER ACCORDING TO KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCES, STATUS OF INECO SEEMS UNCHANGED AND THAT FIRM WOULD APPEAR ABLE TO RENDER USEFUL ASSISTANCE TO AMERICANS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENTS IN IRAN. WE UNDERSTAND THAT REZA QOTBI KINSMAN OF THE EMPRESS AND DIRECTOR OF NIRT, HAS AN INTEREST IN INECO. FIRM MAY ALSO BENEFIT FROM INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER IRANIANS PROMINENT IN LOCAL BUSINESS CIRCLES.

2. IN DISCUSSING STATUS OF MAHVI WITH AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN, SUGGEST DEPARTMENT OFFICERS TAKE LINE THAT HE IS NOT IN A POSITION TO HELP WITH DEFENSE CONTRACTS AND THAT ANY OTHER DEALINGS WITH HIM SHOULD BE CONDUCTED WITH CAUTION.

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